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To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

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Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITION.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2007”.

6 (b) SECRETARY DEFINED.—As used in this Act, the
7 term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or
8 the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) ADDITIONS.—The following lands in the State of
4 Colorado administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
5 ment or the United States Forest Service are hereby des-
6 ignated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the
7 National Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) The following areas managed by the Glen-
9 wood Springs Field Office:

10 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 40,494 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Roan Plateau Proposed Wilder-
13 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
14 shall be known as the Roan Plateau Wilderness.

15 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
16 mately 15,155 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled “Bull Gulch Proposed Wilderness
18 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
19 be known as the Bull Gulch Wilderness.

20 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
21 mately 16,263 acres, as generally depicted on a
22 map entitled “Castle Peak Proposed Wilderness
23 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
24 be known as the Castle Peak Wilderness.

25 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
26 mately 316 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Maroon Bells Snowmass Pro-
2 posed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17,
3 2007, which shall be known as the Maroon
4 Bells Wilderness.

5 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 11,701 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Grand Hogback Proposed Wil-
8 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
9 which shall be known as the Grand Hogback
10 Wilderness.

11 (2) The following areas managed by the Glen-
12 wood Springs Field Office and in the White River
13 National Forest:

14 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
15 mately 16,427 acres, as generally depicted on a
16 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Proposed
17 Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
18 and which are hereby incorporated in and shall
19 be deemed to be a part of the Flat Tops Wil-
20 derness designated by Public Law 94–146.

21 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
22 mately 25,285 acres, as generally depicted on a
23 map entitled “Thompson Creek Proposed Wil-
24 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,

1 which shall be known as the Thompson Creek
2 Wilderness.

3 (3) The following areas managed by the Grand
4 Junction Field Office:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 21,110 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Bangs Canyon Proposed Wilder-
8 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
9 shall be known as the Bangs Canyon Wilder-
10 ness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
12 mately 25,881 acres, as generally depicted on a
13 map entitled “Demaree Canyon Proposed Wil-
14 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
15 which shall be known as the Demaree Canyon
16 Wilderness.

17 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 15,721 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Cow Ridge Proposed Wilderness
20 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
21 be known as the Cow Ridge Wilderness.

22 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 14,089 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “Granite Creek Proposed Wilder-
25 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which

1 shall be known as the Granite Creek Wilder-
2 ness.

3 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 12,449 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Dominguez North Proposed Wil-
6 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
7 which shall be known as the Dominguez North
8 Wilderness.

9 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
10 mately 32,126 acres, as generally depicted on a
11 map entitled “Hunter Canyon Proposed Wilder-
12 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
13 shall be known as the Hunter Canyon Wilder-
14 ness.

15 (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
16 mately 9,398 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled “Kings Canyon Proposed Wilder-
18 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
19 shall be known as the Kings Canyon Wilder-
20 ness.

21 (H) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
22 mately 30,557 acres, as generally depicted on a
23 map entitled “Little Bookcliffs Proposed Wil-
24 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,

1 which shall be known as the Little Bookcliffs
2 Wilderness.

3 (I) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 20,585 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Maverick Canyon Proposed Wil-
6 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
7 which shall be known as the Maverick Canyon
8 Wilderness.

9 (J) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
10 mately 26,914 acres, as generally depicted on a
11 map entitled “The Palisade Proposed Wilder-
12 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
13 shall be known as the Palisade Wilderness.

14 (K) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
15 mately 18,687 acres, as generally depicted on a
16 map entitled “Prairie Canyon Proposed Wilder-
17 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
18 shall be known as the Prairie Canyon Wilder-
19 ness.

20 (L) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
21 mately 5,143 acres, as generally depicted on a
22 map entitled “Sagebrush Pillows Proposed Wil-
23 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
24 which shall be known as the Sagebrush Pillows
25 Wilderness.

1 (M) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
2 mately 27,569 acres, as generally depicted on a
3 map entitled “South Shale Ridge Proposed Wil-
4 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
5 which shall be known as the South Shale Ridge
6 Wilderness.

7 (4) Certain lands managed by the Grand Junc-
8 tion and Uncompahgre Field Offices and in the
9 Uncompahgre National Forest which comprise ap-
10 proximately 84,410 acres, as generally depicted on a
11 map entitled “Dominguez Canyons Proposed Wilder-
12 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
13 be known as the Dominguez Canyons Wilderness.

14 (5) Certain lands managed by the Grand Junc-
15 tion Field Office and in the Uncompahgre National
16 Forest which comprise approximately 39,392 acres,
17 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Unaweep
18 Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17,
19 2007, which shall be known as the Unaweep Wilder-
20 ness.

21 (6) Certain lands managed by the Grand Junc-
22 tion Field Office and San Juan Field Office and in
23 the Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-
24 proximately 65,448 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Proposed Wilderness

1 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall be
2 known as the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

3 (7) The following areas managed by Gunnison
4 Field Office:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 3,306 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Powderhorn Additions Proposed
8 Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
9 and which are hereby incorporated in and shall
10 be deemed to be a part of the Powderhorn Wil-
11 derness designated by Public Law 103–77.

12 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
13 mately 38,594 acres, as generally depicted on a
14 map entitled “Redcloud Peak Proposed Wilder-
15 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
16 shall be known as the Redcloud Peak Wilder-
17 ness.

18 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
19 mately 6,878 acres, as generally depicted on a
20 map entitled “West Elk Addition Proposed Wil-
21 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, and
22 which are hereby incorporated in and shall be
23 deemed to be a part of the West Elk Wilderness
24 designated by Public Law 88–577.

1 (8) Certain lands managed by the Gunnison
2 Field Office and in the Gunnison National Forest
3 and Rio Grande National Forest which comprise ap-
4 proximately 72,397 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Handies Peak Proposed Wilderness
6 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall be
7 known as the Handies Peak Wilderness.

8 (9) Certain lands managed by the Kremmling
9 Field Office which comprise approximately 33 acres,
10 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Platte
11 River Addition Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated
12 September 17, 2007, and which are hereby incor-
13 porated in and shall be deemed to be part of the
14 Platte River Wilderness designated by Public Law
15 98–550.

16 (10) Certain lands managed by the Kremmling
17 Field Office and in the Arapaho National Forest and
18 the Routt National Forest which comprise approxi-
19 mately 119,676 acres, as generally depicted on a
20 map entitled “Troublesome Proposed Wilderness
21 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall be
22 known as the Troublesome Wilderness.

23 (11) Certain lands managed by the
24 Uncompahgre Field Office and in the Grand Mesa
25 National Forest which comprise approximately

1 10,742 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
2 tled “Adobe Badlands Proposed Wilderness Area”,
3 dated September 17, 2007, which shall be known as
4 the Adobe Badlands Wilderness.

5 (12) The following areas managed by the
6 Uncompahgre Field Office and in the Uncompahgre
7 National Forest:

8 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
9 mately 22,604 acres, as generally depicted on a
10 map entitled “Roubideau Proposed Wilderness
11 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
12 be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

13 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
14 mately 13,288 acres, as generally depicted on a
15 map entitled “Norwood Canyon Proposed Wil-
16 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
17 which shall be known as the Norwood Canyon
18 Wilderness.

19 (13) The following areas managed by the San
20 Juan Field Office:

21 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
22 mately 25,947 acres, as generally depicted on a
23 map entitled “Cross Canyon Proposed Wilder-
24 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which

1 shall be known as the Cross Canyon Wilder-
2 ness.

3 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 4,809 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Mares Tail Canyon Proposed
6 Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
7 which shall be known as the Mares Tail Wilder-
8 ness.

9 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
10 mately 33,467 acres, as generally depicted on a
11 map entitled “McKenna Peak Proposed Wilder-
12 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
13 shall be known as the McKenna Peak Wilder-
14 ness.

15 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
16 mately 14,598 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled “Weber-Menefee Mountain Pro-
18 posed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17,
19 2007, which shall be known as the Weber-
20 Menefee Mountain Wilderness.

21 (14) Certain lands managed by the
22 Uncompahgre and San Juan Field Offices which
23 comprise approximately 41,133 acres, as generally
24 depicted on a map entitled “Dolores River Canyon
25 Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17,

1 2007, which shall be known as the Dolores River
2 Canyon Wilderness.

3 (15) The following areas managed by the Little
4 Snake Field Office:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 50,536 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Cold Spring Mountain Proposed
8 Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
9 which shall be known as the Cold Spring Moun-
10 tain Wilderness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
12 mately 18,057 acres, as generally depicted on a
13 map entitled “Cross Mountain Proposed Wil-
14 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
15 which shall be known as the Cross Mountain
16 Wilderness.

17 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 34,009 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Diamond Breaks Proposed Wil-
20 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
21 which shall be known as the Diamond Breaks
22 Wilderness.

23 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
24 mately 63,469 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Dinosaur Adjacent Proposed Wil-

1 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
2 which shall be known as the Dinosaur Wilder-
3 ness.

4 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
5 mately 86,569 acres, as generally depicted on a
6 map entitled “Vermillion Basin Proposed Wil-
7 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
8 which shall be known as the Vermillion Basin
9 Wilderness.

10 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 12,436 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Yampa River Proposed Wilder-
13 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
14 shall be known as the Yampa River Wilderness.

15 (16) The following areas managed by the Royal
16 Gorge Field Office:

17 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 17,318 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “McIntyre Hills Proposed Wilder-
20 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
21 shall be known as the McIntyre Wilderness.

22 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 27,888 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “Table Mountain Proposed Wil-
25 derness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,

1 which shall be known as the Table Mountain
2 Wilderness.

3 (17) The following areas managed by the Royal
4 Gorge Field Office and in the Pike National Forest:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 38,378 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Beaver Creek Proposed Wilder-
8 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
9 shall be known as the Beaver Creek Wilderness.

10 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 25,229 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Badger Creek Proposed Wilder-
13 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
14 shall be known as the Badger Creek Wilder-
15 ness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
17 mately 20,025 acres, as generally depicted on a
18 map entitled “Browns Canyon Proposed Wilder-
19 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
20 shall be known as the Browns Canyon Wilder-
21 ness.

22 (18) Certain lands managed by the Royal Gorge
23 Resource Area and in the San Isabel National For-
24 est which comprise approximately 44,372 acres, as
25 generally depicted on a map entitled “Grape Creek

1 Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17,
2 2007, which shall be known as the Grape Creek Wil-
3 derness.

4 (19) Certain lands managed by the San Juan
5 Field Office and in the San Juan National Forest
6 which comprise approximately 32,050 acres, as gen-
7 erally depicted on a map entitled “Snaggletooth Pro-
8 posed Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
9 which shall be known as the Snaggletooth Wilder-
10 ness.

11 (20) The following areas managed by the La
12 Jara Field Office:

13 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
14 mately 10,863 acres, as generally depicted on a
15 map entitled “Rio Grande Proposed Wilderness
16 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
17 be known as the Rio Grande Wilderness.

18 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
19 mately 23,536 acres, as generally depicted on a
20 map entitled “San Luis Hills Proposed Wilder-
21 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
22 shall be known as the San Luis Hills Wilder-
23 ness.

24 (21) The following areas managed by the White
25 River Field Office:

1 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
2 mately 22,439 acres, as generally depicted on a
3 map entitled “Black Mountain-Windy Gulch
4 Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated September
5 17, 2007, which shall be known as the Black
6 Mountain-Windy Gulch Wilderness.

7 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
8 mately 24,887 acres, as generally depicted on a
9 map entitled “Big Ridge Proposed Wilderness
10 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
11 be known as the Big Ridge Wilderness.

12 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
13 mately 16,781 acres, as generally depicted on a
14 map entitled “Bull Canyon Proposed Wilder-
15 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
16 shall be known as the Bull Canyon Wilderness.

17 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 25,005 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Oil Spring Mountain Proposed
20 Wilderness Area”, dated September 17, 2007,
21 which shall be known as the Oil Spring Moun-
22 tain Wilderness.

23 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
24 mately 30,735 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Skull Creek Proposed Wilderness

1 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
2 be known as the Skull Creek Wilderness.

3 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 3,021 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Bitter Creek Proposed Wilder-
6 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
7 shall be known as the Bitter Creek Wilderness.

8 (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
9 mately 6,748 acres, as generally depicted on a
10 map entitled “Dragon Canyon Proposed Wilder-
11 ness Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which
12 shall be known as the Dragon Canyon Wilder-
13 ness.

14 (22) Certain lands managed by the White River
15 and Little Snake Field Offices which comprise ap-
16 proximately 20,903 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled “Pinyon Ridge Proposed Wilderness
18 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall be
19 known as the Pinyon Ridge Wilderness.

20 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-
21 ticable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 appropriate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary de-
23 scription of each area designated as wilderness by this Act
24 with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
25 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and

1 Natural Resources of the Senate. Each map and descrip-
2 tion shall have the same force and effect as if included
3 in this Act, except that the appropriate Secretary is au-
4 thorized to correct clerical and typographical errors in
5 such boundary descriptions and maps. Such maps and
6 boundary descriptions shall be on file and available for
7 public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Bu-
8 reau of Land Management, Department of the Interior,
9 and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, De-
10 partment of Agriculture, as appropriate.

11 (c) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS.—Lands within the
12 exterior boundaries of any wilderness area designated
13 under this section that are owned by the State or by a
14 private entity shall be included within such wilderness area
15 if such lands are acquired by the United States. Such
16 lands may be acquired by the United States only as pro-
17 vided in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

18 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
20 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-
21 aged by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness
22 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except that,
23 with respect to any wilderness areas designated by this
24 Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective

1 date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a ref-
2 erence to the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness
4 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-
5 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-
6 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-
7 preted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560, and the
8 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101–
9 405 of the 101st Congress.

10 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section
11 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
12 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-
13 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with
14 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

15 (d) WATER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each wilder-
17 ness and potential wilderness area designated by this
18 Act, the Secretary shall obtain and exercise any
19 water rights required to fulfill the purposes of the
20 wilderness in accordance with the following provi-
21 sions:

22 (A) Such water rights shall be appro-
23 priated, adjudicated, changed, and administered
24 pursuant to the procedural requirements and

1 priority system of the laws of the State of Colo-
2 rado.

3 (B) The purposes and other substantive
4 characteristics of such water rights shall be es-
5 tablished pursuant to State law, except that the
6 Secretary is specifically authorized to appro-
7 priate water under this Act exclusively for the
8 purpose of maintaining groundwater levels, sur-
9 face water levels, and streamflows on, across,
10 and under the wilderness in order to accomplish
11 the purposes of the wilderness and to protect
12 wilderness uses.

13 (C) Such water rights shall be established
14 and used without interfering with any exercise
15 of a water right in existence on the date of the
16 enactment of this Act for a non-Federal pur-
17 pose.

18 (2) PROTECTING RIGHTS.—The Secretary and
19 all other officers of the United States shall take
20 steps necessary to protect the rights established
21 under paragraph (1), including the filing by the Sec-
22 retary of a claim for the quantification of such
23 rights in any present or future appropriate stream
24 adjudication in the courts of the State of Colorado
25 in which the United States is or may be joined and

1 which is conducted in accordance with section 208 of
2 the Department of Justice Appropriation Act, 1953
3 (43 U.S.C. 666; commonly known as the McCarran
4 Amendment).

5 (3) RELINQUISHMENT OR REDUCTION.—Noth-
6 ing in this Act shall be construed as a relinquis-
7 ment or reduction of any water rights reserved or
8 appropriated by the United States in the State of
9 Colorado on or before the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 (4) WATER RESOURCE FACILITY.—With respect
12 to each wilderness and potential wilderness area des-
13 ignated by this Act, notwithstanding any other pro-
14 vision of law, on and after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act, neither the President nor any other offi-
16 cer, employee, or agent of the United States shall
17 fund, assist, authorize, or issue a license or permit
18 for development of any new irrigation and pumping
19 facility, reservoir, water conservation work, aque-
20 duct, canal, ditch, pipeline, well, hydropower project,
21 transmission, other ancillary facility, or other water
22 diversion, storage, or carriage structure.

23 (e) AERIAL NAVIGATION TRAINING EXERCISES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Colorado Army Na-
25 tional Guard, through the High-Altitude Army Na-

1 tional Guard Aviation Training Site, may conduct
2 aerial navigation training maneuver exercises over
3 and upon the lands designated as potential wilder-
4 ness by this Act in a manner—

5 (A) consistent with the memorandum of
6 understanding dated August 4, 1987, among
7 the Colorado Army National Guard, the Bureau
8 of Land Management, and the Forest Service;
9 and

10 (B) minimizing the impact to wilderness
11 character, natural features, and a visitor's sense
12 of solitude.

13 (2) REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
14 STANDING.—The parties to the memorandum of un-
15 derstanding referred to in paragraph (1)(A) shall re-
16 view the memorandum and associated annual oper-
17 ating plan not later than 180 days after the date of
18 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
19 so long as the Colorado Army National Guard con-
20 ducts activity described in paragraph (1). The review
21 shall include consideration of alternative locations
22 for activities identified in the memorandum of un-
23 derstanding. Such alternative locations must be over
24 and upon National Forest System lands and lands
25 administered by the Bureau of Land Management,

1 other than lands designated as wilderness or as po-
2 tential wilderness.

3 (3) MODIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
4 UNDERSTANDING.—The memorandum of under-
5 standing referred to in paragraph (1)(A) may be
6 modified, subject to the agreement of all parties
7 thereto, if the Colorado Army National Guard, in
8 consultation with the Bureau of Land Management
9 and the Forest Service, identifies an alternative loca-
10 tion as described in paragraph (2) that meets its
11 aerial training needs.

12 (f) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The following lands are des-
14 ignated as potential wilderness areas:

15 (A) Certain lands in the Glenwood Springs
16 Field Office and the White River National For-
17 est which comprise approximately 20,843 acres,
18 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Deep
19 Creek Proposed Wilderness Area”, dated Sep-
20 tember 17, 2007, which shall be known as the
21 Deep Creek Wilderness.

22 (B) Certain lands in the Glenwood Springs
23 Field Office which comprise approximately
24 15,679 acres, as generally depicted on a map
25 entitled “Pisgah Mountain Proposed Wilderness

1 Area”, dated September 17, 2007, which shall
2 be known as the Pisgah Mountain Wilderness.

3 (2) DESIGNATION AS WILDERNESS.—Lands de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be designated as wil-
5 derness upon the Secretary publishing in the Federal
6 Register a notice that all nonconforming uses of
7 those lands provided for under subsection (e) that
8 would be prohibited in wilderness by the Wilderness
9 Act have ceased. Such publication in the Federal
10 Register by the Secretary and subsequent designa-
11 tion as wilderness shall occur as the nonconforming
12 use ceases in any of the individual areas identified
13 and shall not be dependent on cessation of the non-
14 conforming uses in all the potential wilderness areas
15 identified.

16 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except for activities pro-
17 vided for under subsection (e), lands described in
18 paragraph (1) shall be managed by the Secretary in
19 accordance with the Wilderness Act as wilderness
20 until those lands are designated as wilderness under
21 this subsection.

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